

REMARKS

Claims 4, 7 and 10 remain pending in the application. Claims 4, 7 and 10 are allowed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 17, 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Siniaguine (U.S. Pat. No. 6,664,129 B2) in view of Komura et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,423,941). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Notwithstanding and solely in the interest of expediting prosecution of this application, Applicant cancels claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 17, 18 and 19. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

Claims 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Siniaguine (U.S. Pat. No. 6,664,129 B2) as applied to claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 17-19 above, in view of Ormond et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,521,125). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Notwithstanding and solely in the interest of expediting prosecution of this application, Applicant cancels claims 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

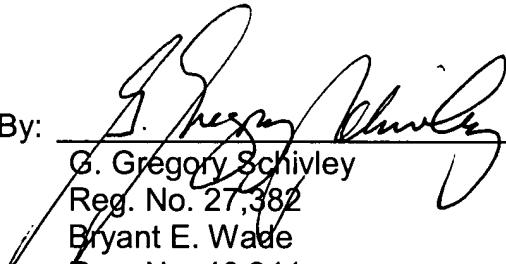
ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 4, 7 and 10.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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